

## COX IN TRAIN WRECK

Escape From Death of  
Democratic Presidential  
Candidate

### SPECIAL TRAIN DITCHED

Accident Occurred on Santa Fe  
Railroad Not Far From Pres-  
cott, Arizona—No One Kill-  
ed

Phoenix, Ariz., Sept. 23.—Governor Cox's presidential campaign train was wrecked about 4:30 o'clock today, 14 miles north of here, while en route to Prescott, Ariz.

The Democratic presidential candidate and his party were severely shaken when an engine and four cars of the special train were ditched, but all escaped serious injury. The most seriously injured was Charles A. Nichols, engineer of Prescott, who had a leg broken in jumping from his car when his engine toppled over.

Spreading rails were assigned by railroad men as the cause of the wreck, which compelled the governor and his party to return here tonight and cancel his evening address at Prescott. His future itinerary also was upset.

The accident occurred a half mile west of Peoria, a village on the Santa Fe railroad. After delivery of several speeches here the train, consisting of six cars, drawn by two heavy engines, headed for the upgrade to Prescott, left here at 4 o'clock. About a half hour later, while running at a speed estimated at between 35 and 40 miles an hour the train dived suddenly, as if in collision and then application of the emergency brakes, clanging over broken rails and ties, and the careening of cars, told passengers the story.

The four forward cars were ditched, the governor's private car at the rear and the adjoining compartment car of newspaper men, except for its forward track, remained on the rails.

A baggage car jumped the track about 15 feet and turned over on its side. Two passenger coaches and another compartment car behind also dived ten feet from the track and dived tipped over.

The first engine of the double-track, Engineer F. C. Sutton of Prescott, said, left the rails first and then dived on again, but the second engine toppled over amid a cloud of escaping steam. The tender of the forward engine also fell over while the first passenger coach ran the length of the overturned baggage car and jammed its forward end into the trucks.

All of the passengers on all cars were thrown topsy turvy. Some suffered bruises and cuts from flying glass. In the rush for escape, several women passengers in the coaches were put through broken windows.

Governor Cox was in the dining room of his private car going over papers with Dr. Robert C. Goldsmith, his assistant, on the league of nations question when the crash occurred.

"What's that?" he shouted, rising to his feet only to be thrown heavily across the car against the wall. He was shaken up but rushed out to assist the injured and this accomplished, coolly smoked a pipe while waiting for a wrecking train to arrive and take him back to Phoenix.

Of the passengers including several of the local reception committee of Phoenix, Judge E. E. Bollinger of the Mojave county court suffered a bruised leg. Several others had cuts and bruises and torn clothing. Personal effects of all members of the train were scattered and broken.

Charles Nichols, the engineer, was taken to Phoenix in a passing automobile and first aid was given to several others. Philip Atton, Prescott, brakeman, who was alone in the baggage car when it turned over, suffered scalp lacerations. The fireman on the second engine was unable to jump and crawled from the wreckage without a scratch.

That Governor Cox escaped injury was due, it was said, to delay in a conference with the Prescott reception committee. J. J. Sinner, representing the Democratic national committee on the campaign trip, and Chairman Norris of the Prescott committee were en route to the private car to get the governor to go forward to the first coach, where the reception committee was riding, when the crash came. Most of those bruised or cut were on the forward coach.

The railroad track was torn up for a distance of from 300 to 400 feet. Railroad officials were unanimous in declaring that spreading rails under the two heavy locomotives and unusually heavy steel equipment caused the wreck. The line is not a main artery, but a branch of the Santa Fe system, and the rails, it was said, were not of the heaviest type. A rumor was current among the farm people and others who gathered soon after the wreck that a man had been seen running along road beside the track just before the train left the track, but the rumor lacked confirmation and was not credited by Governor Cox, members of his party or railroad operatives.

### Fuel Shortage Conference

Coal Dealers of Greenville Ask  
Help From State and Municipal  
Authorities

Greenville, Sept. 23.—Fuel dealers here met with state and municipal representatives today with a view of securing relief from the present acute coal shortage.

## FEDERAL TAX AND PRICES

Cotton Manufacturers Declare  
System Has Created an In-  
tolerable Situation

### RESPONSIBLE FOR CON- TINUED HIGH PRICES

Speakers Advocate Gross Sales  
Tax and Privilege Tax as Sub-  
stitute

Maplewood, N. H., Sept. 23.—The present system of federal taxation is declared to have created an intolerable situation and to be responsible for the continued high price of many articles, speakers declared at the opening session of the National Association of Cotton Manufacturers' meeting. A gross sales tax and an employers' privilege tax were outlined as substitutes for the present system.

### Drys May Quit Race

Prohibition Candidate For Pres-  
ident Offers to Withdraw on  
Certain Conditions

Washington, D. C., Sept. 22.—Senator Harding and Gov. Cox were promised today by Aaron S. Watkins, the prohibition party's presidential candidate, that he would withdraw from the race if either of them pledged his support to the dry program.

Mr. Watkins' announcement was made in an address before the International Congress Against Alcoholism. He said later that he would embody his proposal in telegrams to Candidates Harding and Cox.

"I ask only two things of the other candidates," Mr. Watkins told the congress. "Whenever any one of them pledges himself to enforce the 18th amendment and enforce the Volstead act, if elected, and to use all of his power and influence to retain them as a part of the nation's law, I will agree to ask our national committee to release me from the ticket."

The assertion of the prohibition nominee followed a series of inferential as well as direct statements by speakers at the congress that the prohibition party might be the cause for overturning the dry majority in congress, through defection of sufficient votes from "known dry candidates." P. A. Parker, general superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league, precipitated a near clash by an address, the trend of which was an appeal for all prohibition workers to support the dry candidates on the major tickets and thereby avoid possibility of anti-prohibitionists being elected locally.

### Girl Sees Wonders of Modern Invention

Rides for First Time on Train  
and Sees Self in Long Mirror

(Columbia State)

A girl of 15 years who has just ridden on a train for the first time, just slept in a Pullman berth, just learned that lights can be made to come on and go off at the mere pressure of a finger, just discovered what napkins and what tea spoons are for, just learned that by looking into a shining glass hanging upon wall she may see how she appears to other people, has an inexhaustible supply of thrills in store for her. And the girl lives in South Carolina—Sumter county.

She is one of a family of four, father and three children. They were discovered and reported to the child placing department of the bureau of public welfare by Miss Mamie J. Chandler, a Red Cross worker there. A worker from the child placing department investigated the home and found it in bad condition. The father was not well and was unable to care for the children as they should be cared for and the mother was dead. They lived some distance from anybody and needed clothes and the proper food and care and love.

The oldest child is a girl of 15 and the others are a boy and a girl of about 11 and nine years of age. They were growing up in absolute ignorance.

The father did not want to part with his children but was finally persuaded that such action on his part would be to the children's advantage and he consented to give them up for a while at least.

Miss Chandler took the oldest girl to the de La Howe school and it was on that trip that she got her first ride on a train and discovered the wonders that are to most people only every day necessities. Miss Chandler said in telling of the experiences at the child placing office, that the girl was very observant and bright and never made a mistake but once. She ate with her feet tea spoon at first but put it down as soon as her hostess stirred her tea with hers. She looked askance at the napkin beside her plate but did not touch it until her hostess picked up her own and laid it across her lap. Then she followed suit.

The other two children will be placed to their best advantage in order that they may have a chance to grow up into the intelligent citizens that they have a right to be.

Such cooperation as this of the child placing department and this home service section of the Red Cross of Sumter was necessary for the welfare of these children workers claim. It is the hope of both organizations that hearty cooperation between all such agencies working for the welfare of humanity in this state may be obtained.

## JAPS PROPOSE TO MEDDLE

Action Amounting to Demand  
That United States Accept  
Japanese Point of View

### ATTACK ON CALIFORNIA LEGISLATION

Intention Announced to Enter  
Suit Against California Law  
on Ground of Violation of  
Treaty Rights

Tokio, Sept. 23.—The United States will be asked to appoint a commission to solve the Japanese-American problem and if the California anti-Japanese legislation is passed Japan will arrange for a lawsuit against the California legislature on the ground that the bill is unconstitutional and violates treaty rights, leading Japanese newspapers announce.

### No Extension of Credit

Secretary of Treasury Houston  
Obstinately Determined That  
Farmers Shall Not Obtain  
Loans to Hold Crops

Washington, Sept. 22.—Gradual return to the law of supply and demand as a governing influence over prices, and the end of "war charges" for necessary commodities was predicted today by government officials in explaining the government's attitude on credit extension.

Secretary Houston declared requests for credit could not be listened to where such aid might mean the preservation of high price levels. He added that many persons complaining of what they term the restrictive policy of the federal reserve board wish credit to enable them to hold their commodities until market conditions produce higher prices. Mr. Houston said the government could not lend its aid under such circumstances without becoming a party to a conspiracy against the consumer.

Credit for marketing of commodities may be had from the local banks, Governor Harding of the board has told the representatives of the cotton and wool growers, stock men and farm associations who have sought the influence of the board for the extension of credit. Disposal of their stocks as the demand will absorb them, Mr. Harding said, and will enable producers to liquidate their holdings and ease a falling market.

Prices on articles which have been under governmental control have broken sharply, according to Howard E. Figg, special assistant to the attorney general in charge of the campaign to lower living costs, who cited recent statements of the bureau of labor statistics and substantiating his claim. For the next two years, Mr. Figg said the distribution of food, feeds and clothing will be governed by supply and demand without the need for government supervision of prices. Merchants throughout the country, he declared, are realizing prices must meet the demand for their goods and that the return to nearly normal or pre-war conditions is not far distant.

### Duel With Fire Hose

Unique Method of Settling  
Deadly Quarrel Adopted in  
Shanghai

Shanghai, Sept. 21.—Two members of the French Volunteer Fire Brigade here fought a duel with fire hose recently. The brigade is composed largely of business men. Henri Numa and Georges Clergue quarrelled, a challenge was given and accepted.

The principals had expressed their intention to meet on the field of honor with deadly weapons when they were prevailed upon by officers of the brigade to use fire streams under high pressure at a range of 20 feet. The combat, which took place in the court yard of the fire station, lasted about 15 minutes when Numa after being slowly forced backward by the watery torrent lost his helmet and went down as the big nozzle escaped from his clutch.

### Wilson in the Fight

President Will Participate Act-  
ively in the Campaign at the  
Right Time

Washington, Sept. 23.—A White House announcement was made today that President Wilson will participate actively in the democratic campaign, when the proper time comes. He will probably confine himself to statements on issues, particularly the league of nations.

### Fusion of Austria and Hungary

Hungarians Carrying on Propa-  
ganda For Reunion of Old  
Dual Monarchy

Vienna, Sept. 23.—The Arbeiter Zeitung publishes a sensational report which it says is authentic, showing that the Hungarian delegation is spending large sums for propaganda for the downfall of the Socialist government with the object of bringing about the fusion of Austria and Hungary.

## MAIL ORDER PRICES CUT

Big Chicago Concerns Announce  
Reductions Ranging From  
Ten to Twenty Per Cent

### COTTON STAPLES LEAD LIST

Assault on High Prices Made By  
Biggest Mail Order Houses in  
the World

Chicago, Sept. 23.—Sears & Roebuck Co., and Montgomery Ward and Co., the two largest mail order houses in the world, have announced price cuts of from ten to twenty per cent on many lines of merchandise. Cotton staples lead the list.

### Value of State Railroads

State Tax Commission Fixes  
Assessment on Railroad Prop-  
erty in South Carolina

Columbia, Sept. 23.—Railroad property in South Carolina is valued at \$115,781,243, according to figures made public by the state tax commission today. The property of the railroads in South Carolina is returned for taxation at \$48,628,122, which is on the basis of forty-two per cent of the full valuation. This total of assessment value is shown in the annual report of the tax commission, the first section of which went to press today.

Of this forty-eight million dollar tax return, the county of Spartanburg has the greatest share. Railroad property in Spartanburg is returned for taxation at \$2,782,458. Richland comes second, with its railroad property returned at \$2,401,800. Charleston is third, with \$2,304,331. Railroad property in Florence county is returned at \$1,911,861, in Orangeburg county at \$1,841,197, in Sumter at \$1,488,116, and in Anderson at \$1,051,030.

The Southern Railway has the most property of all the roads operating in the state. Its property is returned for taxation at \$1,373,814. The property of the Atlantic Coast Line is returned at \$1,394,266, that of the Seaboard Air Line at \$7,253,627.

### T. N. T. in Storage

Highway Department Has 200-  
000 Pounds For Road Work

Columbia, Sept. 23.—Nobody loves T. N. T. The state highway department has two hundred thousand pounds of this famous brand of explosive, stored in the Charleston armory. The explosive was given to the state for use in constructing roads. So far none of it has been used, the contractors in South Carolina appearing not to be interested in its use.

Chief Engineer Moorefield, of the highway department, stated today that he was anxious for some of the contractors building roads in the state to use this, as it would reduce the cost of road construction to the state. The T. N. T. is no more dangerous than ordinary dynamite, Mr. Moorefield said, and in other states it is being used freely by road contractors.

## REIGN OF TERROR IN IRELAND

Panic Stricken People Flee From  
Town of Balbriggan When Po-  
lice Make Retaliatory Attack

### REPRISAL FOR MURDER OF POLICEMEN

Two Civilians Were Killed and  
Several Wounded — Many  
Houses Set on Fire

Dublin, Sept. 21.—Balbriggan, near here is in terror and streams of refugees are abandoning the town as the result of an attack by auxiliary police in retaliation for the shooting of two policemen last night. Two civilians were shot dead and several wounded, many houses set on fire, and the largest hosiery factory in Ireland was destroyed.

### Chinese Importers Face Loss

British and American Chambers  
in Shanghai Decline to Take  
Action

Shanghai, Sept. 20.—Both British and American Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai have declined to take action that might relieve the plight of Chinese importers, said to be facing losses estimated at more than \$100,000,000 due to swift fluctuations of the rates of money exchange.

In an appeal addressed to the two foreign commercial bodies the Chinese explained that the fall of the price of silver in recent months had brought many of them face to face with bankruptcy. Piece goods dealers in particular asked for extensions of contracts made prior to January 1 last and to have cancelled contracts which were made subsequent to January 1. They asked for the cooperation of the British and American Chambers of Commerce.

Both foreign bodies held that they could not "associate themselves with any movement that threatens the sanctity of the written contract."

### Is MacSwiney Being Fed?

Brixton Prison Officials Give  
Qualified Answer to the  
Question

London, Sept. 21.—Brixton prison officials qualified their answer to the question as to whether Mayor MacSwiney was being fed, by answering "not that we know of, but you must remember that relatives have free access to him." This is the first time the question has failed to bring an unqualified denial. MacSwiney is reported considerably weaker today.

Sault Ste. Marie, Mich., Sept. 21.—A double murderer who was wanted in connection with the killing of George Elliott, brick manufacturer, surrendered after hiding in the woods with his sister and his sweetheart, Maggie Bock, for six days.

## MORE TROUBLE FOR MAYFIELD

Rich Bamberg County Farmer  
To Be Prosecuted in Federal  
Court For Kidnapping

### SAID TO HAVE IMPERSON- ATED FEDERAL OFFICER

Men Who Forceably Arrested Negro Farm Hands in Anson County, North Carolina Without Legal Process in a Peck of Trouble.

Columbia, Sept. 21.—W. D. Mayfield, James Breedin and Henry B. Sandifer, the three Bamberg county citizens charged with having kidnapped two negro farm hands from Anson county, N. C., and who were fined in the superior court in Wadesboro, N. C., last Saturday, are to be prosecuted in federal court on a charge of impersonating federal officers, according to information received here today from James Lockhart, the attorney of Wadesboro, who has been connected with the kidnapping case since its beginning.

Mr. Lockhart is quoted as saying, also, that Mr. Mayfield is to be prosecuted for burglary. The federal warrants will be based on the statement of the two negro farm hands, who were kidnapped, to the effect that the Bamberg men came to their homes in the dead of night, armed with pistols, and impersonated revenue officers in taking the negroes from their homes.

### Big Cut in Ford Prices

Henry Ford Announces Re-es-  
tablishment of Pre-War  
Prices on All Ford Pro-  
ducts

Detroit, Sept. 21.—The re-establishment of pre-war prices on all products of the Ford Motor Company, effective immediately, was announced today by Henry Ford. The price reductions range from approximately fourteen per cent on motor trucks to thirty-one per cent on small automobiles.

### Jap Traitors Sentenced

Accused of Trying to Sell Stolen  
Documents to Americans

Tokio, Sept. 22.—Two Japanese have been sentenced to ten years' imprisonment on conviction of attempting to sell documents stolen from the Yokosuka naval station to Americans, local newspaper says.

Columbia, Sept. 21.—Carlos Corbett, the white man who shot and killed three citizens of Salley several months ago, is to be taken from the state penitentiary here this week, to face a jury at Orangeburg, the case being set for Wednesday. Since the killing of the men Corbett has been in the state prison and he has given no trouble, state officials of the penitentiary.

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